



Minutes – Quarterly Meeting

Date and Time: March 11, 2026, 10:00am central time

Location: Upper Loup NRD, Thedford, NE

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Duane Gangwish at 10:02 a.m.

- Roll Call
 - Duane Gangwish Present
 - Chris Gentry Present
 - Steve Stroup Present
 - Brenda Masek Present
 - Susan Connell Present

The open meetings statement was read by Duane Gangwish.

• Introduction of Attendees

Duane Gangwish
Chris Gentry
Brenda Masek
Steve Stroup
Susan Connell
Don Arp
Tom Hughson
Dean Anderson
Merritt Barton
Dalen Wood
Kayla Jesse
Danna Schwenk
Lymone Daily (sp?)

• Confirm Virtual Vote of 1/5/25

Brenda Masek moved to confirm the votes made during the 1/5/26 virtual special committee meeting.
Susan Connell seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

- **Adoption of Agenda**

Brenda Masek moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

December 9, 2025, January 5, 2026,

Chris Gentry moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

- **Current Business**

1. **Consideration and Acceptance of Financial Statements**

Dean explained the documents presented and expanded on the current year.

Brenda Masek moved to accept the financial statements as presented.

Chris Gentry seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes

Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

2. Staff Updates and Ratification of Personnel Changes
Don discussed the changes to personnel over the last quarter.

Steve Stroup moved to ratify the personnel changes.
Susan Connell seconded the motion.
No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

3. Estray Reports/School Fund Cases
Dean presented the estray cases up for review to be sent to the permanent school fund.

Chris Gentry moved to approve the cases to be sent to the permanent school fund.
Brena Masek seconded the motion.
No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

4. Administrative Estray Expense
Dean presented on the process of figuring the yearly cost of school fund estray cases,

Steve Stroup moves to approve the 26/27 administrative estray expense
Chris Gentry seconded the motion
No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

5. Strategic Plan Review

Don spoke on the progress of the goals in the strategic plan.

Brenda Masek moved to approve the Strategic Plan

Susan Connell seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

6. Fee Schedule Review

Don presented on the current fee schedule.

Brenda Masek moved to approve the fee schedule.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No Discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

7. Policy, Rules, and Regulations Review

Don stated that there were no recommendations for changes at this time.

Steve Stroup moved to approve no change in policy.

Chris Gentry seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

8. Review and Update of Open Markets

Dean presented on the open markets and there benefits as well as the number of cattle looked at, at these markets last year.

Chris Gentry moved to approve the open markets presented.

Susan Connell seconded the motion

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
Chris Gentry	Yes
Steve Stroup	Yes
Brenda Masek	Yes
Susan Connell	Yes

Motion Passes

9. Investigator Reports

Tom gave an overview of the state and nature of the investigators work over the past quarter.

10. Supervisors Reports

Tom expanded on the supervisor's written reports.

11. RFL Report

Dean and Tom gave an overview on the audits.

12. Technology report

Don expanded the technology report and plan.

13. Legislative Updates

Don stated that any discussions would be made in executive session.

14. Executive Director report

Don stated that anything futher would be best in executive session.

15. Public Comment

None Given.

16. Executive Session

Steve Stroup moved to move into executive session to protect the public interest to receive legal advice related to potential or anticipated litigation and discuss negotiation strategy.

Susan Connell seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
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Steve Stroup	Yes
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Susan Connell	Yes
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The Committee moved to executive session at 12:00 p.m.

Steve Stroup moved to come out of executive session.

Brenda Masek seconded the motion.

No further discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
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Steve Stroup	Yes
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Susan Connell	Yes
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Motion Passes

Returned to public session at 1:48 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Chris Gentry moved to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Stroup seconded the motion.

No discussion

Duane Gangwish	Yes
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Chris Gentry	Yes
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Steve Stroup	Yes
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Brenda Masek	Yes
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Susan Connell	Yes
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Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.